

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-20 and 24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2-5 and 7-17 are amended, and claim 25 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The claims are amended for dependency. No new matter is added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 18-20 and 24 are allowed.

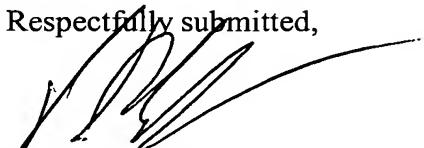
The Office Action rejects claims 2-3, 5, 7 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gambale (U.S. Patent No. 6,328,746); and rejects claims 2-5, 7-17 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gervais et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,160,109). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, claim 25 is canceled, and claims 2-5 and 7-17 are amended to depend from allowed independent claim 1. Therefore, the rejection is moot. Applicant thus respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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